

Taking the 'Christian' Out of Y.M.C.A.

Two incidents in the last few weeks cause us to wonder when the Young Men's Christian Association is either going to change its name or live up to it.

Last week, a group of eight young airmen, three of them Negroes, were denied a night's lodging at Kansas City's downtown YMCA. This week, M. A. Olabisi Ajala, young African student who is attending school in this country to learn about our democracy, not only was refused a room at the Topeka YMCA but was thrown in jail when he objected, perhaps somewhat vociferously, to the denial of what he considered an ordinary human request. *Call p. 20 Kansas City News*

How can the YMCA call itself a Christian organization when it refuses to extend the hand of brotherhood and fellowship to a travel-weary stranger in search of a place to get a night's sleep? How can it pretend to the boys and young men who come under its guidance that it is in earnest about Christianity when it slaps in jail a man who did nothing more than ask for a bed for the night? *See p. 7-4-52*

An employee of the Topeka YMCA evidently could not square the practices of the Christian organization with his own conscience, for after turning down the African student he sent him \$5 with which to buy food. He was ashamed of the policies he was forced to carry out. We don't blame him.

The entire YMCA organization should be ashamed. The Kansas City Y told the group of airmen, who wanted to stay together, that the white service men could stay there but the Negroes would have to go elsewhere. All eight of them walked out and went to a Negro YMCA branch where they all found clean, comfortable quarters.

How much longer is it going to take before the YMCA becomes truly Christian? The time has long since passed when the Y should re-examine its policies in the light of present-day trends. One of the young airmen, from the South, said that the Y certainly did not demonstrate the kind of democracy that he thought he was fighting for. Our young men of today, white and Negro, are far ahead of the YMCA which is

supposed to instill in them the principles of Christianity, brotherhood and democracy.

How can the leaders of the YMCA look themselves or each other in the face after the Ajala and the airmen incidents? How can they continue to send YMCA workers to "dark" Africa to teach the natives about Christianity when they treat an African visitor to this country as Ajala was treated? A good word about America from Ajala would mean more than a thousand missionaries.

The YMCA should be ashamed!

FORMER OKLAHOMA TEACHER RETURNS TO AMERICA AFTER 5 YEARS OF YMCA WORK IN INDIA

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**Lawrence Burr Back in Chicago But Wife
Flies Home to Visit Relatives in Idabel
MAKES REMARKABLE RECORD IN
MADRAS**

CHICAGO — (ANP) — Lawrence C. Burr, former Chicago YMCA attache who has been doing YMCA work in India for the past five years, returned home last week. Stationed at Madras down in the southern section of India where most of the people are extremely dark, even black, Burr was able to make the "Y" a vital force in the development of that area. He remarked that he was able to work without feeling racially conscious. He was working with people and accepted by all he met as a person. Not until he reached England and was about to board the Queen Mary for home and consequently came in contact with a number of Americans, did he realize he was returning to the same sense of separateness and prejudice he had received left.

Burr remarked on the many similarities which he found between the Indians of darker hue and his own Negroes at home. He found the people friendly and cooperative although at first they could not understand how an American Negro could be expected to head and operate a Y program over so wide an area. The impressions he had received about the ability of colored people in the United States were such that they were certain he would fail.

It was not until Burr had brought the organization at Madras up to such a high point that there were more members in his single branch than there were in all the rest of India, that they relaxed and reposed complete confidence in him.

Burr is a native of Oklahoma. He was in educational and institutional work before entering the YMCA field. At one time he was superintendent of the Training School at Taft, Okla.

Mrs. Burr accompanied her husband but did not tarry in Chicago. She flew on to Oklahoma. The Burrs have a year's leave as a result of their five year's service.

Three months of this time is theirs, the other nine months are at the disposal of the YMCA.

Lawrence Burr Returns From Stay In India

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NEW YMCA BUILDING HERE ASSURED AS \$150,000 FUND RAISING CAMPAIGN IS BROUGHT TO A SUCCESSFUL CLOSE

Workers Jam College Park Club House For Victory Dinner

The YMCA Building Fund Drive, which has surpassed its goal of \$150,000, brought to a close this week, assures the early erection of a modern building for the Farish Street Branch YMCA.

The last report meeting was held Monday night at the College Park Club House with workers occupying all available space to witness the conclusion of the greatest building campaign ever to be launched in the state. Dr. B. B. Dansby, president of the Committee of Management, presided. Community singing was led by Mr. Charles Wilson and Mrs. G. B. Chambers. The invocation was given by O. C. Statham, executive secretary of the Branch. Mrs. Matilda Wilson, Chief Hostess, presented a box of candy to the Hostess of the High Attendance Division Eight, Miss Mildred Vaughn, and the emblems to the Quota-busters for the previous night's report.

Division VI received the "Bacon" and Chairman Bank's shirt for being the High Division. Team No. 27, of which Miss Lessye Mae Larry is captain, received the "Sole" of Honor for the High Team, and Division VIII, Mr. Walter J. Stewart, captain, kept the flag for having High Attendance. Dr. G. A. Price was crowned King of the Campaign and Miss L. O. Larry reigned as Queen of the Campaign for having the leading division and team, respectively.

Quota-busters for the night were: Messrs. A. R. Hicks, Perry Sanders, C. F. Groudup, Miller Mosley, Jr., E. L. Brown, James O. Harrigan, N. Jackson, F. L. Hunter, Charlie Veal, J. H. Young and James Rundles. Going over from Quota-busters to First Citizens were: Messrs. Willie Lindsey, Roosevelt Robinson, and Fulton Porter.

We had a great Victory Dinner and a wonderful report. The Farish St. Section is over the top and with the final report of the Central Section, we should go over the goal that was set at \$150,000.

The Farish Street Section under E. W. Banks has reported \$59,678.20 on their quota of \$50,000. This is 119% of quota. Approximately \$2,000.000 has come in since the report meeting. Mr. E. J. Craigo, general chairman of the campaign urged that all citizens who have not had a part, make their contributions; stating that any additional funds will be used to the best possible advantage in the service of negro youth through this building project. Excellent work was done by the entire organization. Those units exceeding their quota were: Team 26—Mannie Lewis, Sr., Team 27—Miss Lessie Larry, Team 28—Edward Lee, Jr., Team 32—Earnest Day, Team 36—Roosevelt Robinson, Team 38—Fred Banks, Team 40—O'Neal Hudson, Division VI—Dr. G. A. Price, Division VIII—Walter J. Stewart, Special Gifts—Dr. J. L. Reddix and E. W. Banks.

Dr. Dansby, in his words of appreciation, stated that a "deep sense of gratitude goes out to the entire citizenry of Jackson for their full and complete support given the Farish St. Branch "Y" in this unprecedented campaign. This joint effort of inter-racial cooperation represents the greatest feat in the history of Jackson."

Neal Barfield, General Secretary of the Central "Y" say, "congratulations, on a great job well done". The teams chairman, A. L. Rice, said, "we are truly grateful to the workers in the Y. M. C. A. drive and to the public for the generous response in helping us to make this drive a success." The Section Chairman, E. W. Banks, says "This has been a grand campaign. Every single worker deserves much credit for the gratifying results that were posted on the scoreboard each report meeting night. As your Section Chairman, I am proud of you and want to take this opportunity to say 'Thank you'".

Dr. J. L. Redix, Special Gifts

Chairman, stated that, "we have worked very hard in this campaign. The work has been good for us all, because we have grown both spiritually and materially. Otis C. Statham expressed his thanks for the great work done by citizens of Jackson and said, "The success of community work of the Y. M. C. A. in recent years has been such as to challenge wide-spread interest. Therefore, tonight I want to thank everyone for their wonderful work through this campaign. You have done a good job of which the whole of Jackson is proud."

Campaign Director, Lester M. Ellis, said that "it was the team work of every bloomin' soul! We feel it was an honor and a pleasure to work with you."

Thank you all again for your devotion and hard work.

Southern Area Council Of YMCA Meets In Atlanta

The thirteenth annual meeting of the Southern Area Council of the National Council of the YMCA was held at the Luckie Street YMCA in Atlanta, Georgia, March 28-29, 1952. Over 300 delegates from eight southern states - Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, Tennessee and Virginia - attended the council meeting as representatives of more than 130 YMCA's in these states. The Southern Area Council of the YMCA represents the cooperative work of all the YMCAs in the eight mentioned southern states. Annual meetings are held each year to evaluate the work of the past year and to lay out a program of work for the ensuing year.

Negroes played a significant part in this year's council meeting. Dr. Benjamin E. Mays led the worship service on Saturday morning and had charge of the closing session. Negroes who were elected to significant positions were T. M. Alexander, Atlanta, elected to serve on the National Board of the YMCA; Robert H. Smith, Chattanooga, Va., elected to serve on the Southern Area Board of the YMCA, and Dr. Mays, Atlanta, elected vice-president important committees during the council meeting.

The fifty-three Negro delegates who attended the meeting are as follows:

NAME	CITY
Rufus B. DeWitt,	Montgomery, Ala;
Dr. James L. Bass,	Fort Lauderdale, Fla;
Lloyd A. Lee,	Fort Lauderdale, Fla;
Jesse W. Word,	Jacksonville, Fla;
Reverend H. E. S. Reeves,	Miami, Fla;
Dean Mohr,	St. Petersburg, Fla;
Leonard Summers,	St. Petersburg, Fla;
Calvin Adams,	St. Petersburg, Fla;
Carrell N. Williams,	St. Petersburg, Fla;
Dr. R. O. Johnson,	Atlanta, Ga;
F. W. Thomas,	Atlanta, Ga;
Dr. Benjamin E. Mays,	Atlanta, Ga;
Gilbert A. Terry, Jr.,	August, Ga;
Dr. T. H. Brewer, Sr.,	Columbus, Ga;
Gordon H. Kitchen,	Columbus, Ga;
W. R. Bennett, Jr.,	Columbus, Ga;
S. J. Brown,	Savannah, Ga;
L. White Sr.,	Savannah, Ga;
J. R. Jenkins,	Savannah, Ga;
Moses L. Perry,	Lexington, Ky;
W. H. Goodwin Jr.,	Lexington, Ky;
William S. Coleman,	Louisville, Ky;

Houston A. Baker, Louisville, Ky; M. McKay Bonner, Louisville, Ky; Raymond Parks, Louisville, Ky; Fred R. Joseph, Baton Rouge, La; Floyd Pierson, Srreveport, La; W. M. Boone, Shreveport, La; M. A. Fletcher, Shreveport, La; Dr. E. J. Stringer, Columbus, Miss; L. D. Collins, Chattanooga, Tenn; Robert J. Smith, Chattanooga, Tenn; James H. Harper, Knoxville, Tenn; John H. Robinson, Knoxville, Tenn; Harold L. Hodges, Knoxville, Tenn; C. M. Roulhac, Memphis, Tenn; E. P. Nabors, Memphis, Tenn; W. Lawrence Jones, Danville, Va.; N. T. Williams, Danville, Va; J. L. Mitchell, Lynchburg, Va; Dr. Lyman Brooks, Norfolk, Va; Albert D. Dinkins, Norfolk, Va; Claude W. Blackmon, Norfolk, Va; Mrs. Anna R. Rivers, Petersburg, Va.; Alphonso McCain, Petersburg, Va.; Thomas B. Hargrave, Portsmouth, Va; C. H. Harris, Portsmouth, Va; Frank W. Render, Richmond, Va; Earle W. Barker, Birmingham Ala; R. C. Johnson, Birmingham, Ala; August White, Jr., Birmingham; E. W. Taggart, Birmingham, Ala; N. S. Randall, Birmingham, Ala.

ERASING OF NEGRO 'Y' DEBT IN SIGHT

Three Members of Board
Give \$1000 Each

A windup drive among the Negro population to erase the last of a \$35,000 mortgage on the Negro Young Men's Christian Association building, 2222 Dryades, received new impetus Wednesday.

It came with announcement that three members of the Negro YMCA board—one of them a former New Orleans bootblack—have each contributed \$1000 to the campaign.

Their contributions, plus donations being massed daily by a hustling committee of 100 volunteer workers, virtually assure collection of the goal of \$16,500—the amount outstanding on the mortgage—by

Monday, reported W. H. Mitchell, general secretary.

This is provided local contributors follow through on the "fine start" made, he added.

In addition to the \$1000 contributions by the three New Orleansians, Mitchell said an anonymous New Orleans Negro physician practicing in a Northern city, has given \$1500 to the cause.

And committees of New Orleans Negroes residing in Washington, Chicago, and New York are canvassing other Louisiana Negroes now residents of those cities to help the drive along.

The board members whose contributions were announced Wednesday are C. C. Dejoie, publisher of the Louisiana Weekly; Dave Dennis, president of the Longshoreman's Union Local No. 419, American Federation of Labor; and J. A. Holtry, a one-time shoeshine boy, who now heads corporations capitalized at \$1,000,000.

Said Holtry, who started his business on capital of \$5.50 after he gave up shining shoes:

"I know what it is to be underprivileged. I want to do all I can for others who need help and I believe the 'Y' is one way to do this. I am happy to support it to the limit."

The "Y" program helps young men to "stay on the right path," and inspires ambition in them, he added. Holtry is chairman of the executive committee of the drive and C. L. Speaker is general drive chairman.

James E. Gayle, president of the "Y" board of directors, said that by lifting the mortgage on its building, the Negro "Y" will be able to concentrate more on its program.

It is a program "that is centered on the idea of character building for the youth of our city," he continued. "Particularly are we interested in the juvenile situation we have in New

Orleans—that is the problem of narcotics and dope," he said.

The Negro "Y" now has a membership of about 1800, Mitchell said,

and annually operates on a budget of about \$65,000. It is 90 per cent self-supporting but in part supported by the Community Chest, he added.

"Y" personnel are on duty at the center 24 hours daily, he said. Facilities include a gymnasium, 100 bedrooms, a cafeteria, lounge, and office space. It has 40 juvenile clubs in 28 public schools of the city.

Dr. Hackney To Be Honored At Dinner Tonight

The A. T. Walden Chapter National Emblem Club of the Butler Street YMCA and citizens from all walks of life throughout the community will honor Dr. R. C. Hackney, noted physician tonight at the "Y" at 7 P. M. Man of the Year. He received this honor for outstanding contributions to the Health Services of the Butler St. YMCA. The Morehouse and Meharry graduate will receive one of the highest citations possible in the "Y" movement.

HEALTH OFFICIAL

The principal speaker for this occasion will be "Chief" J. A. Kennedy, noted Health and Physical relaxation expert. "Chief" Kennedy is expected to point out the value of the Steam Room which Dr. Hackney raised funds for single handedly and the other pieces of equipment and facilities now available in the "Y."

Music will be furnished by the Clark College Ensemble under the direction of Miss Ollie Brown and by Harry Roberts, Jr., Baritone of the East Point High School. Words of welcome will be made by E. S. D'Antignac, vice president of the Emblem Club and Hubert Jackson, chairman of the Physical and Health Committee will introduce the speaker.

Tribute to Dr. Hackney will be paid by T. M. Alexander, chairman of the YMCA Board of Managers and a classmate of Dr. Hackney's. Dr. John T. Gill, chairman of the Health Services Committee will present Dr. Hackney the citation. Remarks will be made by W. A. Holmes, Acting Executive Secretary of the "Y" and announcements will be made by C. T. Per-



DR. RICHARD HACKNEY

kins, assistant acting executive secretary of the "Y." The Reverend J. E. Garnett, co-chaplain of the Emblem Club will pronounce the invocation and the Reverend B. B. Bickers, a member of the M-Y Sponsors Committee will give the dedicatory prayer.

All members of the YMCA and friends of Dr. Hackney's and citizens generally are urged to call the YMCA immediately to make reservations. A written invitation is not necessary to attend this tribute to one of Atlanta's most outstanding citizens.

MRS. CAROLINE BURKS TAKES CENTRAL YMCA TO TASK AFTER JIM CROW REGULATION IS MADE

Beach Dispatch P.1
**Writes Letter to Monnet When Ruling Bars
Negroes From Cafeteria Service**

SAYS BOARD'S ACTION REGARDING NEGROES IS UNCHRISTIAN

In a blistering letter, written to Attorney Claud Monnet, general chairman of the Oklahoma City YMCA, Mrs. Caroline Burks, retired school teacher, and one of the most liberal white women in the Southwest, Monday took the YMCA executive to task because of the recent ruling made by the Central YMCA denying Negroes

I quote from your release: "The cafeteria service in the new structure approved a rule denying Negroes use of the grill but allowing interracial groups to hold meetings in other parts of the building." Just how consistent is very caustic letter says to Chair-denying Negroes to eat in the man Monnet there is no statutory grill and allowing interracial provisions in Oklahoma prohibiting white and black from eating groups to hold meetings in other together. parts of the building? Why do

There follows the exact text you allow "the lousy, dirty blacks" of the letter written to Monnet to put their feet on the threshold by Mrs. Burks:

2325 West Lawn Place
Oklahoma City 12, Okla.
May 19, 1952

Attorney Claude Monnet
General Chairman of the YMCA
Board of Directors, and Members
YMCA Building 125 N. W. 2nd St.
Oklahoma City, Okla.

Dear Atty. Monnet and members
of the Board of Directors of the
Y. M. C. A.:

When I read of the YMCA while in building and later of its beautiful appointments in bedrooms and lobby I had a feeling of pride for my city and for the citizens who made this possible. Then the thought came to me what about the spirit of brotherhood and good-will toward all men that would permeate that building. You have answered that question for me in your release to the Oklahoma City Times of May 13, 1952, of which I wish to comment.

of your blasphemous Y. M. C. A. building? Be consistent in your hypocrisy. You state in that release, Attorney Monnet, "We have to abide by the laws of Oklahoma." You know very well that there is no such law on the statues of Oklahoma forbidding Negroes from eating any place where white bigots will serve them. You, an attorney, would have to know this or how would you secure your license to practice law? This statement was given to the press to fool people who disapprove of your action who are unschooled as to our laws. Shame on you! And if it were a law, which it is not, it is time for people who call themselves Christians to break it or abolish it. I protest in the name of dea-d and good-will toward all mocracy and Christianity the use of the name of Christ in the name of the building at 125 N. W. 2nd street. A substitute for the name YMCA should be similar to the following: Old Mens Anti-racial or (Hate Racing) Institution. I suggest "Old Men" for the young men of our city, who are not child

bandits, are more Christian, more democratic that their elders. to practice good will. These child bandits stem from such attitudes as is shown by the acts of the YMCA Board of Directors, the unethical practices of our public officials, and bigotry in general. They are to be pitied, how could we expect weak children to combat the virus in the home and community. Beautiful church buildings on the corner of most every street, wonderful school buildings—but building do not build character—it is the spirit therein that builds great characters or the bandit thief. I realize that many of the groups that enter the YMCA are there to do good, their hands should not be tied by an unChristian board. You should resign, every one of you who holds the attitude of white supremacy.

I am glad that I have seen a better day in Oklahoma. My father was an Oklahoma pioneer. He homesteaded an up-land claim joining the nine-mile flat. We were poor as were nearly all the people in those days. What we had to eat is what we raised on the farm. If we did not raise it, we did not have it to eat. We canned the surplus for winter. It was my job to smoke the meat that hung in a dugout. The dugouts or storm caves in those days did not have arched stone or cement roofs. Saplings extended from the ground to the beam running lengthwise of the cave. The saplings were covered with straw, and dirt was thrown over them. I was too young to have had the responsibility of meat smoking. One night I forgot to cover the coals. I was awakened in the night and I saw through the cracks of the log cabin where I slept, flames belching up from the cave. I awakened the family. We tried to put out the fire but it had too much the start of us, and all of our food for the winter perished in the flames. We all wept, including my mother, and I most of you from all blame. She said that all for the fault was mine. Our winter food was gone, what could we do! The people in the community came to our rescue and shared with us their stores of supplies. Father owed a few debts around which he intended to pay when he sold his cotton, which his children had picked. These debts were all cancelled. A man in a neighboring community who had more money than the rest of us loaned him money to carry us through the winter until another crop could be made. This money was loaned on my father's word to pay. Bonds or references were not necessary in those days. This story shows a nation due to our bigotry and what is meant by good will. These peoples of the donors to our poverty were not interested in seeing their names in the paper as to what they gave but we do not live it. They know or having a lease on our lives for what they did. we have denied first class citizenship. We had better wake up! Our nation will never be destroyed by Russian bombs, we are destroying ourselves by our own acts. If FREEDOM is won for the world, it will be won by ideas—acts of GOOD-WILL toward all men, not by atomic or our nitrogen bombs or Big Talk. We had better begin in our local community

I am not a subscriber to the Oklahoma City Times so I did not see your release until about a dozen people called me about your action. I wanted to find out something about you, Attorney Monnet, before I wrote this letter. I called one of your friends, who said that she was as much opposed to the action of the board in the flames. We all wept, as was I, but she tried to excuse me for the fault was mine. Our there were large donors to the Y. M. C. A. and that probably these wealthy people objected to Negroes eating in the Y. M. C. A. She may excuse you but I can't excuse you. I remember that Christ whipped the money changers out of the temple, and that is what we will have to do if we ever have a better Oklahoma City, a better state, a better America. Wherever intrenched wealth has put its ugly head it has polluted. It has gotten into the churches, and many fine ministers of the gospel of Jesus Christ, cannot or are afraid to stand up for HIS principles. We are going down as a nation due to our bigotry and hypocrisy, the peoples of the world know we are not interested in seeing their names in the paper as to what they gave but we do not live it. They know we have 15 million or more people what they did. These pioneers wanted their children to have an education, so they all cooperated, cut down trees, hauled logs and built a neat log school house. Yes, we had a blackboard, erasers, and a globe—that was all we had—no library. First it was a subscription school, later money was secured from the

for \$30 a month. We had good teachers too. Here is where I received my elementary education. This school house served, not only for school but for a social center. Sunday school and church was organized. A pastor could not be afforded but some of the laymen would preach, sometimes a minister would come out from Edmond. A literary society was organized, which met once a week. Here issues of the day were discussed, we had no library, but we did have ideas and we exchanged with each other. Later some of these pioneers moved to Edmond, Oklahoma, and they founded the First Church of the Disciples of Christ. We did not have any bandit teenage thieves in our community. This school was named "The Pleasant Valley School", and, indeed, it was a pleasant school and valley. The people in the community made it so. These are the type of people who laid the foundation of this state. This state that is now interested in bigotry, palacial buildings, Big Talk, etc. No, I don't want to go back to the horse-and-buggy days. I want progress, but I want progress to go along with ethical standards and good will, not just with profit in any old Machiavellian way. Palacial buildings do not build character; it is the spirit of good-will and democracy within that counts. I beg of you members of the YMCA Board to cancel out your anti-racial ruling, and let good-will extend to all people irrespective of race, class, creed or color.

Sincerely yours,
Caroline E. M. Burks,
retired teacher
—HAVE YOU JOINED THE NAACP?—

NEW YORK, CHICAGO, WASHINGTON COOPERATING IN YMCA DRIVE HERE



Shown here are the active committees in other cities, working in behalf of the Dryades Street YMCA Finance-Membership Campaign. (1) NEW YORK COMMITTEE, left to right: Peter Robertson, owner of the famous "Pete's Creole Restaurant;" H. Murlin Hayes, an accountant, son of the late Dean R. B. Hayes, last dean of New Orleans University; Charles J. Royal, founder of the Louisiana

Club in New York, and Leon Earles, owner of a group of cleaning and dyeing establishments. (2) CHICAGO COMMITTEE, left to right, seated: Mrs. Selma Barbour, Mrs. Zella Cole Williams, corresponding secretary; Dr. William H. Wethers, chairman; Mrs. Alice Dungey Ottley, secretary; Mrs. Marguerite Robinson, and Mrs. Eloise Washington. Standing, left to right: Mrs. Helen Lewis, Mr. Thomas



Strotter, co-chairman; Mrs. Marie Moss Ermon, Mr. Willard Payne, treasurer, and Edmund J. Harris, physical director of Dryades Street YMCA, now on leave to study in Chicago. (3) WASHINGTON, D. C., COMMITTEE: Graduates of Dryades Street YMCA's famous YMCA School of Commerce make up the Washington Committee. In the group, Mrs. Undine D. Wilson, Miss Lois Vinette, Mrs. Esther Cooper

Williams, Miss Augustine Johnson, Miss Elvera M. Barnes, Mrs. Cecelia Eugene Washington, Mrs. Claire Colly Ashe, Miss Edith Ferdinand, Miss Dolores Ruffin, Miss Eunice Lewis, Miss Bernadette L. Rogers, Miss Audrey A. Rogers, Miss Marion A. Smith, Mr. James Cook, Mrs. Wesley Chapman, Mr. Earl J. Lawrence, Mr. William Boskent and Mr. Edward Richard.

Dr. Hackney Gets *Miss. Launches Drive* YMCA Top Award *For \$150,000* YMCA

BY ROBERT E. JOHNSON
Atlanta Daily World Staff Writer

An Atlanta medical doctor who found time to render a valuable service to a community agency that serves the city's 50,900 Negro male population and the general public was paid a glowing tribute Saturday night at the Butler Street YMCA.

He is Dr. Richard C. Hackney, physician and surgeon, who was presented a sterling silver medallion and proclaimed 'Y' Man of the Year "for his support financially and as a campaign worker in YMCA drives over a period of ten years and for single-handedly raising funds for the equipment of a modern steam room."

The tributary event, sponsored by the A. T. Walden chapter National Emblem Club, also marked the dedication of the Y Health Service Steam Room.

The health room dedicatory address was made by "Chief" J. A. Kennedy, assistant physical director of Luckie Street YMCA, and former U. S. Navy chief petty officer.

"Chief" Kennedy, nationally famous authority on "relaxation" featured recently in Life and Time magazine articles, set the tempo of the occasion with a challenge:

"It is important to be honored for a service well done, but it is more important to inspire others to serve."

"It is important that each individual work in his own little world doing something for his fellowman. The world is full of sorrow and pain; the world is looking for some one who cares, so look around in your little worlds and help others."

"Chief" Kennedy emphasized the need for more Christian action and "not mere lip-service Christianity." He said there is no room for racism in Christianity and asserted that there are "no back seats on the front lines in Korea."

The health expert was introduced by Hubert Jackson, chairman of the YMCA physical and health committee.

W. H. "Chief" Aiken presided at the program. Other participants were: Rev. J. E. Garnett, Clark College Men's Ensemble directed by Miss Ollie Brown, F. S. D'Antignac, W. A. Holmes, C. T. Perkins, Theodore Hall, T. M. Alexander, Dr. Richard C. Hackney, Harry Roberts, Drs. E. F. McLendon and John T. Gill, J. R. Henderson, C.

A. Scott, and Father S. C. Usher. Dr. Hackney responded to T. M. Alexander, chairman of YMCA board of managers, who said the honored doctor's work is an example of "giving alms in secret and being rewarded in open."

Dr. Hackney received his pre-medical training at Morehouse College and graduated from Meharry Medical College.

JACKSON, Miss.—Negro and white citizens of Jackson met at College Park center here last week to launch a joint campaign to raise \$150,000 to build a new Negro YMCA on N. Parish st.

General chairman of the drive is E. J. Craig, head of the local Chrysler firm. E. W. Banks, director of a local undertaking establishment, is chairman of the Negro division.

A large crowd heard J. R. Buck, executive secretary of the Jackson street Branch YMCA in Vicksburg urge the workers to give materially and of their time to the building fund campaign.

Other program highlights presided over by Banks were: National Anthem and Salute to the Flag, Charles Wilson; Invocation Dr. B. B. Dansby and Introduction of speaker, Prof. I. S. Sanders.

At the College Park meeting campaign instructions were given and workers kits and other materials were provided by General chairman Craig and Neal Barfield, Central "Y" executives.

Okla. Governor To Address Hi-Y Model Legislative

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Governor Murray will deliver the opening address January 25 at the joint session of the house and senate in the Hi-Y model legislature. The governor and Mrs. Murray also will be honored guests at the legislative banquet January 26.

In the pre-legislative conference to elect a governor, Donald Simmons, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jake Simmons of Muskogee, was elected to this office. Donald is a senior at Manual Training High school, was a delegate from the Southwest Area to the National Hi-Y Congress last year and was heralded by leading personalities for the speech he delivered, "The Building Of A Christian Philosophy." He is a member of the National High School Honor Society. Other officers: Lt. Governor-Mike Wilkerson, Lawton; President pro-tem -Mark Dorff, Oklahoma City; Speaker of House, Glenn Fowler, Oklahoma City; Secretary of State-Frances Wright, Tulsa; Secretary of Senate-Katherine Cowan, Shawnee; Senate Reading Clerk - Don Holmes, Oklahoma City; Senate Sgt-at-Arms - Isabella Jones, Lawton; Senate Chaplain Don Davis, Sapula; House Reading Clerk John Price, Tulsa; House Sgt-at-Arms - Verlas Fuller, Oklahoma City; House Chaplain Fred Pike, Shawnee.

This is the first year for the Youth and Government Program in Oklahoma and it is in the 16 per cent of the total delegates to the pre-legislative conference was Negro. Simmons won 59 of the total of 108 votes. The white votes determined the election. Qualifications were of paramount importance. These youth and others believe in American government and all it stands for. They are the most important weapons we have in our battle against the communist ambition to destroy freedom.

These youngsters will be voters in a few years. They are learning in the model YMCA legislature the American political system by making it work for themselves.

The Youth and Government Program is under the auspices of the Southwest Area Council of the National Council of the Young Men's Christian Association. Form-er governor of Oklahoma, Roy J. Turner, is general chairman of the Oklahoma Youth and Government

project. Dr. John W. Railey, President of Oklahoma Baptist University, will give the closing address.

The legislature will convene January 25th through the 27th. Leroy Hixson, Associate Secretary of the Southwest Area Council YMCA, in charge of the Oklahoma District, is the director.

Charles C. Noble in his book "Faith For The Future," states, "Who will give leadership? This is the business of every patriotic citizen, but it is particularly the concern of the YMCA."



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NEW STRUCTURE—Thousands visited this new structure which cost \$430,000 and finishing \$90,000. It is the most modern Negro YMCA in the country. Meredith Mathews is executive secretary.

Callier Discusses Highlights Of YMCA Conference

Highlights of the Southern Conference of the YMCA which was held at Atlanta University and Clark College were discussed by Thurston Callier Jr., in a talk at Daniel Payne College.

He represented the Student Christian Association of Payne College, which he is vice-president. He is president of the Daniel Payne College NAACP Youth Chapter.

Mr. Callier was the only delegate in attendance from a college in Alabama serving Negro students. The SCA at Payne has as its sponsors Mrs. Lela Alexander and Alexander Sheppard. Miss Alene Waters is the president.

Young Mr. Callier is the son of Thurston Callier, Sr., vice presi-

dent of the Birmingham Branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

White, Negro Leaders Join Hands In Raising \$150,000 For Farish Street YMCA

A joint effort of white and Negro leaders to raise funds for the new Farish street branch of the Jackson YMCA begins here the latter part of April. The goal is \$150,000.

General chairman of the campaign is E. J. Jerry, Craigo. W. McMullan is chairman of the central association section and E. W. Banks, Negro businessman is chairman of the Farish street branch section.

In his announcement of the drive, Craigo said, "We are sure you will agree with us that in keeping with

citizens, organized in two sections, will begin working to raise a building fund. Pledges will be made so that each contributor will find it possible to give more than he or she could in one cash payment. These pledges may be made on a five-payment basis covering two income tax periods. This is a once in a generation Capitol Fund Campaign—an investment in youth—a challenge to our ability and generosity."

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"We have faith that the public-spirited and generous citizens of Jackson, both white and Negro, will provide this fund so that our Negro youth, for many years to come, will profit by a modern and adequate Farish street branch YMCA."

the progressive spirit of Jackson and for the benefit of both her spiritual and business interests, the Negro youth of our city should enjoy a modern YMCA building with adequate facilities and equipment."

"We are proud of our new Central association building (one of the best in the nation). After much thought and careful planning on the part of leaders of both Farish street branch and Jackson central YMCA it has been decided to give the forward-looking people of our city the opportunity to make a generous investment in youth and the future. "Early in May over 300 of our

He Will Rule As Governor Of Pennsylvania



Mason Hendricks, 1739 W Columbia Ave., second from right, a member of the Columbia Community YMCA, in Philadelphia is being congratulated by Philip Valente, 1410 Cas Ave., a Central YMCA member after his election as "Governor" for the YMCA Hi-Y Youth and Gover Conference in Harrisburg March 15, 16. Carleton Bodt, 4336 Reon St. and Gordon W. Gorman, 944 N. 50th St., both of the Parkside YMCA, attended the first Southern Pennsylvania Conference at Norristown last Saturday. Hendricks is also vice president of the Na-

tional Hi-Y Council and president of the State Youth Council.

Southern YMCA Secretaries To Attend Dinner

Several Secretaries and Laymen from YMCA's through the Southeastern States are in Atlanta over the weekend for their Annual Con-

ference. They are scheduled to have a dinner at the Butler St. YMCA today at 1 p. m., to discuss Inter-Association Cooperation and problems affecting YMCA's serving minority groups.

C. T. Perkins, acting assistant executive secretary of the Butler St. YMCA will preside over the dinner. Words of welcome will be given by W. A. Holmes, Acting Executive Secretary of the Butler Street YMCA. A statement will also be made by Charles Sherman,

Associate Southern Area Secretary.

GORDON TO MAKE REMARKS

William Gordon, Managing Editor of the Atlanta Daily World will make remarks to the group. Mr. Gordon is the Chairman of the Publicity Committee of the Butler Street YMCA. P. 1

Other affairs for the secretaries and laymen include regular sessions of the conference being held at the Luckie St. YMCA; a reception given by Dr. R. O. Johnson, a member of the Board at Butler St. and a delegate to the conference and the Emblem Club dinner at the Y on Saturday evening.

Southern Area Council Of YMCA Meets In Atlanta

The thirteenth annual meeting of the Southern Area Council of the National Council of the YMCA was held at the Luckie Street YMCA in Atlanta, Georgia, March 28-29, 1952. Over 300 delegates from eight southern states - Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, Tennessee and Virginia - attended the council meeting as representatives of more than 130 YMCA's in these states. The

Southern Area Council of the YMCA represents the cooperative work of all the YMCA's in the eight mentioned southern states. Annual meetings are held each year to evaluate the work of the past year and to lay out a program of work for the ensuing year.

Negroes played a significant part in this year's council meeting. Dr. Benjamin E. Mays led the worship service on Saturday morning and had charge of the closing session. Negroes who were elected to significant positions were T. M. Alexander, Atlanta, elected to serve on the National Board of the YMCA, Robert H. Smith, Chattanooga, elected to serve on the Southern Area Board of the YMCA, and Dr. Mays, Atlanta, elected vice-president important committees during the council meeting.

The fifty-three Negro delegates who attended the meeting are as follows:

NAME	CITY
Rufus B. DeWitt	Montgomery, Ala.
Dr. James L. Bass	Fort Lauderdale, Fla.
Lloyd A. Lee	Fort Lauderdale, Fla.
Jesse W. Word	Jacksonville, Fla.
Reverend H. E.	

Johnson, Birmingham, Ala.; Augustus White, Jr., Birmingham, Ala.; E. W. Taggart, Birmingham, Ala.; S. Randall, Birmingham, Ala.; Harold L. Hodges, Knoxville, Tenn.; C. M. Roulhac, Memphis, Tenn.; E. P. Nabors, Memphis, Tenn.; W. Lawrence Jones, Danville, Va.; N. T. Williams, Danville, Va.; J. L. Mitchell, Lynchburg, Va.; Dr. Lyman Brooks, Norfolk, Va.; Albert D. Dinkins, Norfolk, Va.; Claude W. Blackmon, Norfolk, Va.; Mrs. Anna R. Rivers, Norfolk, Va.; Alphonso McCain, Petersburg, Va.; Thomas B. Hargrave, Portsmouth, Va.; C. H. Harbert, Portsmouth, Va.; Frank W. Tender, Richmond, Va.; Earle W. Barker, Birmingham, Ala.; R. C. S. Reeves, Miami, Fla.; Dean Mohr, St. Petersburg, Fla.; Leonard Summers, St. Petersburg, Fla.; Calvin Adams, St. Petersburg, Fla.; Carrel N. Williams, St. Petersburg, Fla.; Dr. R. O. Johnson, Atlanta, Ga.; F. W. Thomas, Atlanta, Ga.; Dr. Benjamin E. Mays, Atlanta, Ga.; Gilbert A. Terry, Jr., August, Ga.; Dr. T. H. Brewer, Sr., Columbus, Ga.; Gordon H. Kitchen, Columbus, Ga.; W. R. Bennett, Jr., Columbus, Ga.; S. J. Brown, Savannah, Ga.; S. L. White Sr., Savannah, Ga.; J. R. Jenkins, Savannah, Ga.; Moses L. Perry, Lexington, Ky.; W. H. Goodwin Jr., Lexington, Ky.; William S. Coleman, Louisville, Ky.; Houston A. Baker, Louisville, Ky.; M. McKay Bonner, Louisville, Ky.